

A PAGE FOR WOMEN AND THEIR INTERESTS

LOCAL CHAT: HOME AND FASHION HINTS: RELIGIOUS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES: THINGS FEMININE

Feminine Chat

THE cooler weather of the past few weeks had a decided tendency to increase interest in physical exercises. Members of the feminine sex, realizing the great value of physical culture, particularly in a climate where the rigors of climatic changes are lacking, have entered into the innovation with enthusiasm, and while interest is growing apace there is nothing fanatical or extreme in the fad. This is taken as an excellent indication, and it is believed that an ever increasing number will devote several hours each week to more or less strenuous exercise. A number of well known matrons are enrolled in the Y. W. C. A. gym classes which are conducted at the Swedish gymnasium on Merchant street. These classes were resumed last Thursday after a holiday recess. Others are taking work under the direction of a private trainer.

A strenuous overland journey has recently been completed by Mrs. Sarah Conner and her four small children, who, after a trip in a dilapidated buggy 900 miles, have arrived at Wheeler, S. D., their destination. Mrs. Conner and her children commenced their journey at Moose Jaw, Canada, following the death of the husband and father who left them in a destitute condition. Their nearest relative resided at Wheeler, in South Dakota. A span of ponies was hitched to a single seated top buggy, which contained the mother and her four children, one a girl of 11, a boy of 9, a girl of 7 and a baby of 18 months. In the old buggy were piled the worldly possessions of the family. The journey required six weeks' time. Some days they were unable to travel more than fifteen miles. The two older children, and part of the time three of them, walked while the mother drove. The ponies had only such grazing as they could find along the road and were without grain the entire trip. They were nearly exhausted at the end of the journey.

Maude Sanderson, an eleven year old girl of this city, earned her Christmas spending money in a unique way. Miss Maude is exceptionally clever at designing and coloring and the past-board jumping jacks that she made for a number of young friends in advance of the holiday season were so much admired that she conceived the idea of making a number for sale. It is a matter of history that the demand far exceeded the supply and that a neat little sum of money resulted from the sales. When shown the novel toys a Hotel street merchant ordered all that the little girl could make. The toys were cleverly constructed, being wired at the joints, and when the cord was pulled, moving arms and legs with great agility. The supercilious smiles which the painted faces were completed the crowning touch of ludicrousness.

It was a great surprise to me the other day when I learned that certain varieties of tropical flowers remain fresh a longer time out of water than when the stems are immersed. The hibiscus is a notable example of the efficacy of this treatment. Although naturally short lived, these blossoms will remain fresh for two full days if arranged in vase without water.

The woman golfers of New York have made objections to swearing on the links and have discussed the matter in their clubs. The men who play over the links are all supposed to be gentlemen, but sometimes they are not careful of their language, and ladies have been made very indignant by some speeches. It has been suggested that notices be placed in the clubhouse, but the fact that the ladies have discussed the subject will, no doubt, be all that is necessary.

Sir James Crichton-Brown says a nurse makes an ideal wife, and urges young men in selecting helpmates to consider first the quality and character of the nurses whom they know. He says that a training in a hospital fits a woman finely for home life. She is taught the nutritive value of foods, learns first aid and understands thoroughly how to care for children, and is able to act in emergencies.

Londoners are beginning to make vicious comparisons between the evening appearance of their women and that of American visitors. The shoes worn after dark by Queen Mary's subjects are the principal cause of it. One of the smartest of London's boot-sellers has denounced the way society women of the British metropolis are shod, and in the same breath has praised the graceful little slippers of "our American cousins." English women, he insists, will make their toilet, from the tip of their attache to the hem of their skirt, with the most admirable care, but then will put on clumsy shoes. If the weather is inclement the English woman will not hesitate to wear boots she uses for walking in the country to the theater or opera or dinner in a fashionable restaurant. The best of English slippers, experts admit, are not in the same class with the dainty foot covering sold in America. Of course, the English boot-sellers are not advising their patrons to buy slippers in America.

The Women Lawyers' Journal of New York gives a list of the amendments to the laws of New York state that have been proposed so that women may be more equal in the sight of the law with men than they are at present. One gives a mother equal rights with the father in the property of the children as he is now sole heir of his child. One makes her a joint guardian as he is now sole guardian of the children; equal shares in pro-

FIRST PHOTOGRAPHS OF DR. SUN'S FAMILY; GLIMPSES OF HOME LIFE



The photograph above is the only ground Dr. Sun and his wife. To the left is Dr. Sun's eldest brother, Sun Yat-sen, President of the new Republic of China, and his family. It was taken adopted son; Sun Fo, the eldest son, some years ago on Maui, when the who is now in Honolulu, and Ah family was assembled at Kula. The Yuen and Ah Wan, Dr. Sun's daughters, Ah Yuen and Ah Wan, and of Mrs. Sun (Lo See).



THE WOMAN WHO IS NOW FIRST LADY IN CHINA

The part woman has played in the march of the world's events, while in the most notable instances preferably conspicuous, has placed her in a dignified position in which she is recognized as "the power behind the throne." Abraham Lincoln's declaration to the effect that he owed everything to his mother, has sounded through the succeeding years and has been reiterated by other great statesmen, many wives as well as mothers coming in for a just share of praise for their part in the accomplishment of noteworthy results.

The latest woman to receive homage for her part in an important historic achievement in Mrs. Sun Yat-sen, wife of the newly elected Pres-



dent of the new Republic of China, but thus far it has been inadequately expressed, as the husband is in a different part of the country, engrossed with the manifold duties incumbent upon him, and the son, Sun Fo, who appreciates fully the fact that much of the inspiration furnished by his mother, is in Honolulu and unable to take his father's place in expressing mainly appreciation of her efforts.

And while the name and fame of the new President have spread on swift wings since the beginning of the revolution, the world has scarcely yet grasped the fact that in the future there will be no Empress Dowager of China, but a "First Lady of the Land." Diplomatic life in China was associated, until a little more than twelve months ago, with Hsü Ann, and no more remarkable a woman ever stole a scepter than this aggressive widow, who grasped the reins of office in her own hands and dictated edicts in the name of the Emperor, and made and unmade ministers of state, beheaded those who displeased her, elevated to high office those whose beliefs and

Modern Kitchens

Almost anybody can walk into my kitchen as in the other rooms lady's parlor and see how she ranges her furniture and what kind of wall adornments she prefers. You do not have to possess a bowing acquaintance to get into the parlor. A book agent can see a photographer's card of introduction to the owner of the house.

But the kitchen is not so easy of access. Even the best friends of my lady, are not familiar with her kitchen. They may know she has a Chinese cook, or a French chef, or a German baker of delicious pastries, but the kitchen, where these favored ones hold forth is a sealed chamber to even the intimates of the house, for the most part. As a rule they have no business in the kitchen, so why should they visit it? The chatting dish in the dining room is all that is needed when a Welsh rabbit is to be hastily concocted.

Therefore, very few people know much about the kitchen of the rich; wherein they differ from the kitchen of the middle classes the lower classes, the flat and apartment dweller. A kitchen is a kitchen of course, but one kitchen differs from another kitchen.

High life below stairs is so much interesting. So does the place where the cook rises superior to her mistress, monarch of all she surveys.

The popular idea of the kitchen of the rich is very vague. That it is more costly in its finishing and that it may have more than one cooking range, might occur to the neighbor who lives in a small house across the way, preparing meals on a gas or coal stove, sometimes with a gas attachment sometimes not. But that the big kitchen is but one in a series of kitchens would scarcely be believed. That would seem to the neighbor to be a far fetched thing and only possible in a large clubhouse or in hotels of the more famous sort.

It is not likely that the neighbor in the small house would care to have the big kitchen to worry about; her small kitchen is probably satisfactory. Some small kitchens have been able to send to the dining room feasts fit for the gods, while sometimes rather poor meals may emanate from the large kitchen. However that is not the fault of the equipment, which is always of the best.

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